

agencies. The WIC local agency directory serves as the primary source of data on the number and location of local agencies and is published annually. It is used to refer individuals to the nearest source of WIC Program services and to maintain continuity of program services to migrant and other transient participants.

Description of Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 88.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 15.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

Title: Equine Survey.

OMB Control Number: 0535-0227.

Summary of Collection: The National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) primary function is to prepare and issue state and national estimates of crop and livestock production. Services such as statistical consultation, data collection, summary tabulation, and analysis are performed for other Federal and state agencies on a reimbursable basis as the need arises. In 1997, an Equine Survey was conducted for the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture. The results are being used to provide an assessment of the equine industry's contribution to the state's economy in terms of infrastructure and value. NASS will collect information using a survey on equine.

Need and Use of the Information: NASS will collect information on the equine inventories, by category; equine revenue, by activity; and equine related expenditures, by purpose. The survey will provide NASS with names and addresses of equine operations that can be used for Census of Agriculture enumeration and for the NASS program that seeks to cover 99 percent of U.S. agricultural cash receipts.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 43,800.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (One time only).

Total Burden Hours: 21,900.

Food and Nutrition Service

Title: Federal Collection Methods for Food Stamp Program Recipient Claims.

OMB Control Number: 0584-0446.

Summary of Collection: Currently there is approximately \$1 billion in established recipient claims for overissued Food Stamp Program (FSP) benefits, a substantial portion of which State agencies are being unsuccessful in collecting. The Debt Collection Improvement (DCIA), Food Stamp (FSA) and Privacy Acts require that State agencies advise debtors of the intended

Federal Claims Collection Methods (FCCM), offer debtors an opportunity to repay the claim, and offer debtors an opportunity to request a review of the validity of the collection action. Under DCIA, food stamp recipient claims administered by State agencies which are delinquent for 180 days are required to be referred to Treasury for Treasury Offset Program (TOP) collection actions. In the case of Federal Income Tax Refund Offset Program (FTROP), the claims are then referred to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for collection from individual Federal income tax refunds. Claims to be collected via Salary Offset are referred to Federal employers for wage garnishment. In all instances, the debtor is notified and given the opportunity to request a hearing and make arrangements to repay the claim prior to FCCM referral. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) will collect information using various methods as the FTROP, TOP, FCCM, to collect debts from delinquent recipients.

Need and Use of the Information: FNS will collect information to collect outstanding claim balances by using the recipient Federal income tax refunds, Salary Offset for wage garnishment, various Federal payments including, but not limited to, social security benefits and vendor payments.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households; Federal Government; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 380,053.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Weekly; Quarterly; Annually.

Total Burden Hours: 71,803.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Grant Exclusive License

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, intends to grant to ATD, LLC of New Orleans, Louisiana, an exclusive license to U.S. Patent No. 5,094,946 issued on March 10, 1992, and U.S. Patent No. 5,271,912 issued on December 21, 1993, both entitled "Enzymatic Processing of

Materials Containing Chromium and Protein." Notice of Availability for U.S. Patent No. 5,094,946 was published in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 1990, and Notice of Availability U.S. Patent No. 5,271,912 was published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1992.

DATES: (**Federal Register**) Comments must be received on or before December 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: USDA, ARS, Office of Technology Transfer, Room 415, Building 005, BARC-West, Beltsville, Maryland 20705-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: June Blalock of the Office of Technology Transfer at the Beltsville address given above; telephone: 301-504-5989.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Government's patent rights to this invention are assigned to the United States of America, as represented by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is in the public interest to so license this invention as ATD, LLC submitted a complete and sufficient application for a license. The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within sixty (60) days from the date of this published Notice, the Agricultural Research Service receives written evidence and argument which establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

[Docket No. 98-054N]

HACCP Implementation for Small Plants; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is holding a series of public meetings from October through December 1998 to discuss ways to help owners and managers of small plants prepare for the HACCP implementation date of January 25, 1999. The meetings will give all stakeholders an opportunity to hear what is currently being done to help small plants and to discuss additional ways of ensuring that small plants